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HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IN EAST TIMOR.

The Indonesian military command arrested and tortured more than 110 East Timorese, from January to middle August, this year, to "clean up the Territory" before the Portuguese Parliamentary visit.

The underground resistance released a 13 page report on the situation of human rights in East Timor, claiming that there are many more unreported cases.

In meantime, 3 Indonesian battalions (Lino 700,303 and the Nanggala), took part in a clean up operation, started on August 5th, in the district of SAME, on the South coast.No casualty figures were given. However, 16 Indonesians soldiers were killed and 2 injured when they clashed with the guerrillas on July 21st, 1991.

In the district of Lautem, on the eastern side of the territory, the Indonesian battalions 745, 315, 141, 401 and 527 have been engaged on a military offensive against the armed resistance, since August 3rd, 1991. There are no available casualty figures yet.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE CLANDESTINE FRONT

SUBJECT: VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EAST TIMOR

DILI:

On July 11th, 1991, at 03H00 a.m., Indonesian forces search every house, looking for weapons and infiltrated guerrillas, in a area near the Lahane Hospital.

LOSPALOS (Lautem District):

Last February (1991),Bayani, a sergeant major of the Indonesian special armed forces, known as NANGGALA, from Irian Jaya, in charge of anti-subversive activities eastern of Lospalos, attempted to dismantle a resistance's underground network in the villages of Mehara and Porlamano, situated in Loikero, the subdistrict of Tutuala. From 60 suspected elements of those villages, 25, among them women and children, were questioned and tortured during interrogations, Bayani aided by his body-guard, Constancio, an East Timorese from Tutuala, a member of TIM ALFA (a kind crack troops only composed by natives of E.T., under the NANGGALA command and used on anti-guerrilla warfare).

List of prisoners, arrested by NANGGALA Bayani:

CRISTINA GUIMARAES, 35 yrs old, her 9 year old daugther ROSITA. Cristina was arrested because her husband, Natalino Gonzaga, joined the guerrilla in August 1983.She was beaten and forced to undress before Bayani and threatened to be killed if she could not

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bring her husband to the village. She was left in a room for ten days and was forced to relieve herself in a plastic container which was emptied out nightly by the guard.

While Cristina was kept in a room the sergeant major and Constancio questioned and beat her daughter, Rosita, 9 yrs old,to find out more about her mother s contact and movement.

The following people have also been questioned and beaten, because they are Natalino s sibling:

ALBINO DIAS QUINTAS, 44 yrs old;

GUILHERME, 47 yrs old;

FERNANDA, 43 YRS OLD.

Armindo, 24; Victor Gonzaga,23; Joao Vinhas,45 and his wife Isabel, 38; Romana, 40; Antonio Dias Quintas, 25, Anastacio Soares, 37, his wife Rosinda, 35, and daughter, 9; Felicidade, 32; Ilda,15; Marta, 52; Sofia do Carmo, 50; Bernardo dos Santos, 54; Angelico dos Santos, 19; Ines, 35 and Rita Jose Maria 27 years old, were tortured at night during interrogation, to attract less attention. They were forced to remain in a pool of dirty water for several hours.The poll is next to the village of Mehara. The women here were forced to form a circle, and remain while topless for Bayani and Constancio touched the breast of the young ones. Later they were force to undress altognetherand

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unwinllingly partake in sexual acts for the men. Afterwards they were told to remain quite about those kinds of interrogation, otherwise they would be killed. Ines,one the women was forced to venture naked to every house of TIM ALFA'S members due to the strong suspicion of her being involved with the underground resistance.But the real reason for her punishment was taht she caught Bayani at Izelia Monteiro's house. Izelia had been raped by the sergeant major on the previous occasions.

This abuse of women is well documented in East Timor,it occurs where there is a Nanggala or TNI (territorial soldier).

Bayani has left two women pregnant:

Clementina Dias Quinta and Izelia both with 4 or 5 months.

CAETANO GONZAGA DOS SANTOS, 40,is Natalino s cousin, and he works for the Indonesia administration. He was threatened during interrogations that he could be killed if did not convince Natalino to come back to the village. Captain Suwito and Bayani questioned him following orders from colonel Gatot and his deputy major Ahmir.

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LAGA (Baucau District):

The Indonesian army used captured guerrillas to take part in their anti-guerrilla warfare against FALINTIL. When they didn't need them any more, the army look for ways to get rid of them. This is the case with:

MAUDALAR GAMA 25 yrs, of Laelari, Laga, Baucau.He belongs to a anti-guerrilla warfare group 'Tim Sera', is an Indonesian agent.

DOMINGAS GAMA, 23 yrs,Maudalar's wife.

FERNANDO ALIN TIMUR 25, of Saelari, Laga, Baucau. He is an ex-FALINTIL.

JULIAO HAEKONI, 26, of Baguia, Viqueque, He belongs to 'Tim Sera' group and is an Indonesian agent.

ANITA GAMA, 28, of Saelari, Laga, Baucau. Her husband is still with the resistance.

JULIAO WAKALA, 26, of Saelari, Laga, Baucau. Belongs to Tim Sera group and is an Indonesian agent.

MANUEL XIMENES PEREIRA, 25, of Soba, Laga, Baucau.

These people are suspected of being collaborating with FRETILIN-CNRM (underground network).

BAUCAU (DISTRICT):

Celestino Model, a member of the armed resistance, captured on June 9th,1991,has been interrogated and tortured at the NANGGALAS headquarters (Indonesian crack troops), in order to find out other resistance members in the town.

NATAR-BORA (MANATUTO DISTRICT):The People in this village live in a constant atmosphere of terror due to

the Indonesian military activity.But it is the young people who suffer the most.

BARIQUE (MANATUTO DISTRICT):

Afonso Kauna, 16 years old was shot dead, on July 14th,1991, by an Indonesian soldier, when he was trying to catch a bat with a sling. The soldier killed Afonso when one the stones fell at the military camp.

East Timor, 24 July, 1991.

CNRM'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE CLANDESTINE FRONT.

Manek

(Secretary)

SUBJECT: VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EAST TIMOR

DILOR (Viqueque District):

On July 18th, 1991, Indonesian 2 Indonesians soldiers killed a 70 years old man,Filipe also Known as Meta Luhuk, of Laline village,for refusing to help them find women to satisfy their sexual desires.

DILI (Capital of E.T.) :

JOSE PINTO RIBEIRO MONIZ, 25 years old, public servant, of Becora,was arrested by the Indonesian forces in March 1990 and accused of being a member of the underground resistance. His whereabouts is unknown.

CLAUDIO BOAVIDA SOUSA, 26 years old, of Bairro Formosa,arrested in October,1990. He is missing.

On July 15th,1991, the priest's house in Motael was stormed.With the help of some parishioner one was caught and identified as Domingos Rubileki da Costa, an Intel agent. He was armed with a pistol and was carrying a small communication radio - HT. Questioned he stated that it was the Dili s District Commander (Indonesia), WAHYU, who ordered.

On July 20th,1990, Januario Soares,21 years old, student, was arrested and tortured by the Indonesian

security forces, because he refused to offer his seat, in a crowded bus, to an Indonesian woman. He was released in the following morning.

JANUARIO DA CONCEICAO MIRANDA, known also as ANUKO, 30 years old, of Santa Cruz, married, has been closely watched by Indonesians agents. His house has been searched several times. He was suspected of being work with the underground resistance. Owing to this situation he had ton leave work and go into hiding.

LAGA (Baucau District:
Indonesian agents, INTEL, stormed and searched the houses of Maudolar Gama, Fernando Alin Timor, Juliao Haekoni, Juliao Wakala and Manuel X.Pereira.The owners escaped and sought refuge at the Diocese, in Dili.

When CELESTINO MODEL, was arrested, on July 9th, 1991, the Indonesians forces found in his rucksack several photographs of his relatives, who are living in the town of Baucau. All were considered as the resistance collaborators by the Indonesian security and they may be arrested at any time. They are:
1.Domingos, 29 yrs old, nurse-man and married with Ana Paula 25 yrs.
2.Odete Tavares, 19, student, born in Kaibada.
3.Elvira Freitas, 17, student, born in Buruma;

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4.Francisco Freitas,19, student, born in Buruma;

5.Manuel Guterres Aparicio, 45, school teacher at SMP Catholic, Baguia;

6.Adolfo Belo, 20, student, born in Tirilolo;

7.Vevinha da Costa, 21, student, born in Quelicai.

UATO LARI (Viqueque District):

Due to contradictions between two groups, the one supported by the Indonesian army, accused the other of being underground activists. They are in a very danger situation, here are their names:

1.Armindo Soares, 28, school teacher;

2.Jose da Costa Guterres, 39, school teacher;

3.Domingos Aparicio, 25, student;

4.Jose Brito, 48, cathecist;

5.Silverio Pinto Fernandes 30,Catholic Youth Organizer;

6.Paulino Pinto, 32;

7.Jose Duarte, 29;

8. Teofilo Duarte,44;

9.Marcos Fernandes, 28.

Names of some captured guerrillas:

1.Loti Mau Kiak, captured in June, born in Quelicai Was injured in combat is now in hospital;

2.Raul, captured in 19 June, 1991, injured in combat is now in hospital;

3.Mau Cana, captured in June, 1991, injured now in hospital;

4.Paulo, captured in 19th june,1991,under arrest in the NANGGALAS base "Nusra Bhakti" in Dili;

5.Mau-Calo, captured in June 19th, 1991,under arrest at the Koopskam,in Dili.

The public servants are the privileged social class in this society. It is a class used by the occupiers to impose their system on the population to achieve their neo-colonialist goals. In the last months, however, the public servants movements are becoming more and more under control, because the Indonesian are afraid of contacts with the underground resistance, who is all over the country.

SAME:

According to an Indonesia source, on June 21,1991, the FALINTIL clashed with Indonesian Army stationed in Same district. 16 Indonesians soldier died and 2 were injured, (they are now in Dili Military Hospital).One the injured soldiers is a company commander of the Battalion 303. On the resistance side 1 was killed.

East Timor,24th July, 1991.

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AMBENO (District of Oe-Cussi):

On May 23rd Indonesian police arrested DOMINGOS CORBAFO and DOMINGOS CUNHA and accused them of collaborating with the underground resistance.Both were interrogated and beaten,before being released. However they have to show up twice a week at the Oe-Cussi military command KODIM.The battalion 706, of the Indonesian army, is stationed in Oe-Cussi.

BAUCAU:

On January 3rd,1991, an Indonesian police arrested Etelvina Jose da Costa Ribeiro, of Bercoli, subdistrict of Venilale and accused her of collaborating with the underground resistance. During interrogation she was beaten until she began to vomit blood. She is now in a very critical condition.

On February 23rd,1991, the Indonesian district commano in Baucau, arrested and accused the following people of Akunu Bussari, of working for the underground resistance:1.Augusto da Costa, 2.Antonio da Costa and Silva, 3.Celestino Ximenes da Silva, 4.Marciano Monteiro Ximenes, 5.Nuno Ximenes Pinto, 6.Antonio Moreira, 7.Bonifacio Boavida, 8.Joao Domingos Pereira, 9.Domingos Pereira, 10. Maria Pompeia, 11.Agostinho da

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Silva, 12. Zelia Pereira, 13.Francisco Belo, 14. Jose Maria, 15. Jornado Belo, 16.Antonio Belo, 17.Lourenco Belo, 18.Lourenca Belo.
Until now their whereabouts are unknown.

UATO-LARI(Lautem District):
On June 7th, soldiers of the battalion 406 arrested and tortured ALEIXO, of Vessoru, suspected of supplying provisions to the guerrilla.

During June, 1991, soldiers of the battalion 406 arrested and tortured several people of Manadique, village of Beto Lai. They were suspected of being working for the underground resistance. Among them were:
1.Pedro Maria, 2.Manuel Mauloi, 3.Rita, 44.Maria, 5.Amelia, 6.Terezinha, and 7.Angelina.

UATO-LARI (Viqueque District):
On July 7th, soldiers of the battalion 401 arrested and killed CAILEQUE CAETANO, of Matahoi. He was suspected of contacting the guerrilla force.

On July 15, soldiers of the battalion 401, arrested and tortured 3 people of Metahoi. They were accused of collaborating with CAILEQUI CAETANO, killed by the occupation forces on July 7th, 1991. All of them are

still in prison, in a critical condition: 1. Manuel Modo Na, 2.Jacinto da Silva e Mateus Meneses.

Still related to CAILEQUI CAETANO, on July 18th,1991, the occupation forces and their agents arrested, and tortured 3 women, of Metahoi, during interrogation. The women were accused of contacting the guerrilla.they remain in poor health. The women are:
1.Arebiba,46 years old, 2.Nae-Olo, 51 years old, and 3.Bela Mano, 16 years old.

On 7th July,1991, Daniel Guterres - of Ossu de Cima,village of Uma-Ana Ico, in Ossu - was arrested and tortured by soldiers, of the Battalion 515, and the Pamong Praja Police. He was suspected of contacting the guerrilla.

MALIANA (District of Bobonaro):
On January 7th, 1991, the Indonesian district command,in Maliana, arrested 13 people suspected of taking part in pro-independence demonstrations in Dili - in October, 1989, and January,1990. All of them were questioned and tortured:
1.Apolinario Barros, 2.Almeida Aci Loko, 3.Alfredo Xavier, 4.Afonso Bartala, 5.Adelino Marques, 6.Abel dos Santos, 7.Domingos Tai Aruk, 8.Venancio Soares, 9.Rodolfo de Fatima, 10. Marcos dos Santos, 11. Manuel

Lokomeu, 12 Xisto Lopes, and 13.Cipriano Maupelo.

DILI:

On 25th July, 1991, about 03H00 a.m., the occupation forces,stormed every house in Lahane Leste, searching for infiltrated guerrillas and weapons in the area. The population were left terrified.

East Timor, 26th July,1991.

CNMR's Executive Committee for the Clandestine Front

Manek

(Secretary)

Subject: Continuing abuse of human rights in East Timor.

DILI:

On Monday 19th August,at 08:00 A.M.,The Indonesian army comander Brigadier Rudolf Samuel Arow met, at MATAHARI TERBIT BUILDING,Dili, with all batallions comanders and ABRI's (Indon.Armed Forces) staff, stationed in Dili, for a briefing.During the briefing he stressed the following points:

1 - Measures to protect East Timorese integrated in the ABRI, being influenced, by anti-indonesian campaign groups (anti-integration groups).

2 - People (elements) who are committed to East-Timor/FRETILIN policies will be totally eliminated, wether be ABRI s member,public servant or any other people (elements of the population).

3 - FRETILIN has already lost the war with Indonesia,today it is only a terrorist group (GPK). East Timor is the 27th province of the republic of indonesia, and there is no-one who can contest his status, be in America or Europe, because they are western countries who only make misleading propaganda. The people must not give credit to the unthrutful propaganda from the western countries or from FRETILIN.

On wednesday August 14th, around 18H00, ABRI s members arrested Jeremias Soares, 18 yrs old,of Audian (Dili),born in Dilor-Viqueque and is Virginia s son. He was arrested in Audian and taken to the district comand where he was submited to a painful interrogation. He was beaten and placed in a tank full of water and chicken manure.Later taken to the Comoro Police Station,where is kept in a regretable physical condition.He was accused of collaborating with the underground network.

BAUCAU:

On August 9th,1991, a vehicule heading to Baucau, was stopped by the ABRI's members, for questionning, the two passengers and the driver, respectively Bonifacio Barreto, Gouveia and Apolinario, were then forced by the ABRI's members, of Buruma out-post,to get out of their vehicle and get in to the other one - a Kijang.(An exchanging of vehicles). As the car wouldn t start (the Kijang) the soldiers told them to get back to their own car, instead Bonifacio Barreto and Gouveia decided to run away.The soldiers fired at them, to kill. But both managed to escape into the darkness of the night.The ABRI's took Apolinario to their district command,in Baucau, where he is still under arrest at the Flamboyant, the former BAUCAU-INN (during the Portuguese administration).

DILI:

Occupation forces agents are chasing and treatning to kill: Filomeno Morgado Monteiro, 34, Antonio Epifanio Monteiro, 28, both drivers, and Domingos Caetano, 34, public servant. They are all of Bidau-Massau (Dili). According INTEL sources, they are on the death list to be killed by "misterious shots".

Although the ABRI's commander-in-chief, brigadier Arow, had stated to the media that he would allow the East Timorese people to greet the Portuguese Parliamentary Delegation, the ABRI is doing the opposite, giving pistols and granades to their agents.It is also known that 90 soldiers from Suharto's special forces, are undercover, in Dili.

On August 4th, around 8:35 a.m., Domingos Mendes Bento, 19 yrs old, of Quintal Kick, was bashed by the Indonesian secret agents in a such way that his face was unrecognizable.

On August 14, around 9H00 a.m., in the Fite Quarter, Indonesian soldiers arrested Angelino,a young man,student, from Bobonaro. His whereabouts is unknown.

ERMERA (Distrit):

On August 15th, the Indonesian arrested Vasco Casimiro,driver, 24 yrs old,of Ermera.

BAUCAU (Distrit):

On August 9th, ABRI's crack troops, Nanggala,arrested a young man , called Joao Filipe Gama, single, of Samalari, suspected of collaborating with the FALINTIL. The Indonesian army and the INTEL are closely following:

1 - Julieta,

2 - Angelina Gama,

3 - Joao Brito Gama,

4 - Victor Gama, and

5 - Jenia de Sousa Gama.

East Timor 21st August, 1991.

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